

Approved BOARD MINUTES November 9, 2017

The Village Board meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Mayor Manicki, who led the pledge to the flag and welcomed those in attendance to the meeting.

PRESENT: Mayor Manicki, Trustees: Overhoff, Daluisio and Warmus, Superintendent Sitzman, Clerk/Treasurer Wachowiak, Deputy Clerk Galbraith, CEO Czechowski, Attorney Trapp, Ted Mezydlo, Eugene Nuwer, Bruce Carter, Don Szyjka, Laura Landers, FreedMaxick and Sue DeWitt, Alden Advertiser.

Absent: Trustee Green

MOTION by Trustee Warmus seconded by Trustee Overhoff, to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2017 meeting. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Daluisio, seconded by Trustee Overhoff, to approve for payment bills on abstract dated November 9, 2017. Carried.

Payroll	\$40,314.80
Abstract	\$438,499.18

MOTION by Trustee Overhoff, seconded by Trustee Warmus to approve the following monthly reports for October: Treasurer, CEO, E.C.Sheriff, fire fuel, court, DPW and fire. Carried.

Laura Landers, FreedMaxick gave her oversite of the audit performed on the Village for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2017.

The General Fund Balance is good, the 4 enterprise funds (sewer, water, garbage and ambulance) all have a positive net position. It is a positive financial report with no significant deficiencies and no material weaknesses.

COMMUNICATIONS

NYSLRS newsletter, meeting minutes from E.C. Village Officials Assoc. and Town of Alden, invitation from Mike Norris for Coffee and conversation, residential request for reduce capital charges, RBC Wealth portfolio statement, notification from McNeil & Co concerning the closing of claim 11138122, from NYS: NYS Comptroller fiscal updates, Dept. of Health – notification of denied grant for ECWA Interconnection, from NYCOM – information on Volunteer Firefighter cancer disability benefit mandate recently passed by Governor Cuomo, urging of NYS Congress to reject tax reforms.

MOTION by Trustee Daluisio, seconded by Trustee Overhoff, to file as received all correspondence. Carried.

Resolutions/Appointments/Requests/Motions for November 9, 2017,

MOTION by Trustee Warmus and seconded by Trustee Daluisio, to approve the Fire/Ems call for October 14-27, 2017. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Overhoff and seconded by Trustee Daluisio, to authorize Mayor Manicki to sign the MOU between the Village of Alden and the Erie County STOP-DWI Office for January 1 – December 21, 2016. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Warmus and seconded by Trustee Overhoff, to approve the floating holiday to be used for November 24, 2017 for all village offices, at the discretion of the department heads. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Daluisio and seconded by Trustee Overhoff, to re-levy to the County of Erie for collection of delinquent 2017-2018 village taxes in the amount of \$24,909.22 Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Warmus and seconded by Trustee Daluisio, to reschedule the following meeting: Thursday, November 23 to Tuesday, November 21, due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Warmus and seconded by Trustee Daluisio, to prorate and credit 13390 Park St. water bill to reflect capital charges to be billed for only 1 month, *On the question:* she purchased the home on Sept. 15, during the November billing cycle, but had only owned the house for 1 month. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Daluisio and seconded by Trustee Overhoff to authorize CEO Czechowski to sign a contract with Williamson to provide CEO/Building Inspector software and charges associated with it. Carried.

BUSINESS FROM FLOOR-

Don Szyjka was in attendance to defend his wife Marge, a Village Crossing Guard for the past 15 years. He addressed many issues that were recently discussed at a meeting and a PERMA training session. His wife directs traffic at the corner of Crittenden and Park to alleviate congestion and “keep the kids safe, it is all about the kid’s safety”. Has a letter that states she can direct traffic. She has paid for rain pants, shoes, in the weather the proposed uniforms will not last. Stating, “She puts herself in danger for the kids”. The village currently has 3 guards and one alternative.

The Mayor explained it is not necessarily their view, some of it was information addressed at a PERMA training session. The subject will be addressed later this evening at an extended work session. Understands her perspective and would hate to lose her. Bruce Carter – 1543 Homecourt, complained the streetlights in the new Birch Creek Run subdivision are overpoweringly bright. CEO Czechowski explained he has addressed the issue with the Severyn’s and they will power the lights down and add opaque screening.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES/DEPARTMENTS:

Attorney Trapp- still waiting for information from Spectrum concerning franchise fees. Will email presentation to Trustees on ZBA and PB practice and pitfalls.

Superintendent Sitzman – proceeding with WWTP, 1st RBC delivered soon, good progress. Sidewalks done, need to install rapid flash beacon on Crittenden Road near Cherry Tree Lane. Good price on road salt was \$41.26/ton now \$35.85 per ton E.C. milled W. Main St. and 2 catch basins.

Mayor Manicki –State Department of financial services will have a phone # and website to report Zombie homes. Thank you Alden Substance Abuse Coalition – Spooktacular was a great event. EC sales tax is up 2.7% ytd. Remember to support your local businesses on Small Business Saturday November 25th. The Mayor also reiterated the importance of residents returning their surveys. The 0% grant would save \$3 million on the life of the BAN resulting in possible future reduced rate increases.

Clerk Wachowiak – 42% of the surveys have been returned, which is excellent. All surveys have been sent out, will go door to door for unreturned surveys. Reminder next meeting is on a Tuesday.

UNFINISHED AND TABLED BUSINESS:

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Trustee Daluisio and seconded by Trustee Overhoff, to adjourn the meeting, and enter into an Executive Session to discuss personnel. Adjournment with a moment of silence for Edith Jordans a lifelong village resident. 8:42 pm. Carried.

I respectfully submit

Sue Galbraith,
Deputy Village Clerk